

To: Miller, Linda[miller.linda@epa.gov]
Cc: Levine, Carolyn[Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]
From: Snyder, Raquel
Sent: Fri 1/17/2014 9:43:58 PM
Subject: Fw: WV Water contamination crisis

Hi Linda,

FYI-Here is the email I sent this AM.

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder
Congressional Liaison Specialist
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs
(202)564-9586

From: Snyder, Raquel
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2014 9:51:51 AM
To: Klein, Josh (Cardin)
Subject: Re: WV Water contamination crisis

I'm out of the office today but will forward your request to my colleagues.

Could you provide us with specific questions for EPA. The response questions you first posed below are for the state of West Virginia as they are leading the response and to FEMA who is the federal lead.

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder
Congressional Liaison Specialist
U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs
(202)564-9586

From: Klein, Josh (Cardin) <Josh_Klein@cardin.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2014 7:28:52 PM
To: Snyder, Raquel; Miller, Linda
Subject: RE: WV Water contamination crisis

Hmmm, not quite the level of detail I was looking for.

Can we try to get a phone call together tomorrow?

From: Snyder, Raquel [mailto:Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 4:05 PM

To: Klein, Josh (Cardin)
Subject: FW: WV Water contamination crisis

Hi Josh,

Linda Miller forwarded your request to me.

The latest information is that EPA continues to work closely with other Federal and State agencies in West Virginia as they begin implementing a plan for getting the water system back on-line. The State of West Virginia and the West Virginia American Water Company (WVAWC) are developing a plan for flushing the system, along with sampling and analysis, that will allow residents to begin using their water as soon as possible. The EPA has offered sampling and monitoring assistance to the State during the restart efforts.

As far as response timing/timeline and how authorities learned of the event, you will need to check with the state as they are the lead for responding to the spill.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder

Congressional Liaison

U.S. EPA/Office of Congressional Affairs

(202)564-9586

From: Klein, Josh (Cardin) [mailto:Josh_Klein@cardin.senate.gov]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 10:58 AM
To: Miller, Linda
Subject: WV Water contamination crisis

Linda:

Can you please keep me informed of the ongoing response to the methycylohexane methanol spill.

The news reports are saying that there is a light at the end of the tunnel which is good.

Also, can you provide me the timeline on the response from when the spill first occurred. I'm concerned about how and why this spill happened in the first place and whether there are appropriate safeguards/regulations in place to keep this sort of thing from happening or is it a matter of poor enforcement and inspection in the state. I also want to know how long it took for authorities to learn about its occurrence and how the authorities learned of the problem and what was the response and how long did it take to implement.

I can tell you right now that I think this is something that Sen. Cardin is going to want to do a subcommittee on in the near future.

Thanks Linda.

Josh Klein

Legislative Assistant

U.S. Senator Ben Cardin

509 Hart Senate Office Building

Washington, DC 20510

202-224-4524

josh_klein@cardin.senate.gov



Go to cardin.senate.gov to sign up for Senator Cardin's Email Updates.